

## REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4 have been amended. Regarding the amendment, see, e.g., Applicants' specification, page 3, lines 10+; Fig. 4; claim 6 on page 12. The amendment is proper for entry after final, because it will materially reduce the issues for appeal.

### *Obviousness Rejections*

Claims 1-2, 4-5 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,798,767 to Alexander et al.<sup>1</sup>

Applicants traverse the obviousness rejections as follows.

The notifying unit in the invention sends back to the telephone set an ID comprising an Internet domain name. By contrast, Alexander is not providing notification to a user's requesting telephone of an ID comprising an Internet domain name. Alexander deals with users' IP addresses (see, e.g., Fig. 4B) but not with ID comprising a domain name. Applicants' presently claimed telephone controller provides unexpectedly superior advantages over the closest cited art, the telephone controller of Alexander. Namely, an unsophisticated user can use the telephone controller of Applicants' claim 1 to cause his telephone to get notified of the user's ID comprising a domain name; however, that same user trying to use Alexander's controller would be completely unable to cause his telephone to get notified of the user's ID comprising a domain name.

Applicants' claim 1 recites a table that stores an ID comprising a domain name. Alexander is lacking such a table. Alexander's table is missing the ID. This is not a trivial omission. Alexander really has nothing to do with an ID comprising a domain name; what he is accomplishing is in an entirely different area. Namely, he is concerned with evaluating off-hook processing information, signaling other devices when to ring, and otherwise dealing with traffic on multiple lines. For example, he is concerned with being able to make multiple telephony (or other) devices ring in response to a call being made to a single telephony device.

The Examiner's assumptions about DHCP are without applicability to

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<sup>1</sup>Claims 3 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alexander in view of U.S. Patent 6,731,625 to Eastep et al.

Alexander because even assuming conventional DHCP technology, still Alexander plus conventional DHCP technology does not result in Applicants' inventive telephone controllers. When DHCP is used, a user's telephone is talking "on its own" about internal communications within a LAN context. Conventional DHCP is not able to assign and notify a user's telephone of an ID comprising a domain name. With some conventional systems, a user may connect his telephone which then may self-establish itself for use in the LAN context. However, what is lacking in Alexander (and otherwise in the conventional DHCP technology) was for a telephone to be connected and to be able to communicate such that it could cause to receive notification back of an ID comprising the domain name of the user's company.

For simplicity and brevity, the Eastep reference, and the dependent claims, are not discussed at this time. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejections are respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1-11 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephone or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson).

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